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CREASE 2: to make worse, more serious, or more severe 3: to make unpleasantly (problems have been *aggravated* by neglect) 3: to cause to displease or anger by use, persistent and often petty hostility 4: to produce inflammation in *syn* see INTENSIFY

**usage** Although *aggravate* has been used in sense 3a since the 17th century, it has been the object of disapproval only since about 1870. It is used in expository prose (declining to participate directly in the motetade... greatly *aggravating* the President — W. F. Buckley Jr. 1925) but seems to be more common in speech and casual writing (our two countries *aggravate* each other from time to time — O. W. Holmes 1935 (letter to Sir Frederick Pollock, 1895)) (times when we *aggravated* and displaced, for instance, with the French — J. M. Carter (press conference, 1980)) Sense 2 is far more common than sense 3a in published prose. Such is not the case, however, with *aggravation* and *aggravating*. *Aggravation* is used in sense 3 somewhat more than in its earlier senses; *aggravating* has practically no use other than to express annoyance.

**aggravated assault** *n* (1925) : an assault that is more serious than a common assault; as a: an assault combined with an intent to commit a crime b: any of various assaults so defined by statute

**ag-gra-vat-ing** *adj* (1775) : arousing displeasure, impatience, or anger

**ag-gra-vate** *ag-gra-vā-shən* *n* (1615) 1: the act, action, or result of aggravating; esp: an increasing in seriousness or severity 2: an act or action *usage* see AGGRAVATE

**ag-gre-gate** *ag-gri-got* *adj* [ME *aggregat*, fr. L *aggregatus*, pp. of *ag-gre-gare* to add, to fr. *ad-* + *greg-*, *greg-* flock — more at GREGARIOUS] 1: collected by the collection of units or particles into a body, mass, or flower (2): formed from the several ovaries of a single flower composed of mineral crystals of one or more kinds or of mineral fragments c: taking all units as a whole (~ sales) — *ag-gre-gate-ly* *adv* *ag-gre-gate-ness* *n*

**ag-gre-gate** *ag-gre-gat-ed*, *-gating* (15c) 1: to collect or gather into a mass or whole 2: to amount in the aggregate to: TOTAL

**ag-gre-gation** *ag-gre-gā-tion* (15c) 1: the whole sum or amount: SUM TOTAL 2: another 3 a: an aggregate rock b: any of several hard inert materials (as sand, gravel, or slag) used for mixing with a cementing material to form concrete, mortar, or plaster c: a clustered mass of individual soil particles varied in shape, ranging in size from a microscopic granule to a small crumb, and considered the basic structural component of soil 4: SET 21 — in the aggregate: considered as a whole (~ dividends for the year amounted in the aggregate to 25 million dollars)

**ag-gre-ga-tion** *ag-gri-gā-shən* *n* (1547) 1: a group, body, or mass composed of many distinct parts or individuals (as animals) 2 a: the collecting of units or parts into a mass or whole b: the condition of being so collected

**ag-gre-ga-tion-al** *ag-gre-gā-ti-ə-nəl*, *-shən-l* *adj* 1: tending to aggregate — *ag-gre-ga-tive-ly* *adv* 2: relating to or of aggregates

**ag-gre-sive** *ag-gre-siv* (1714) 1: to commit aggression: act aggressively always ~ing against their keepers — H. J. Mattick) 2: tending to step on — more at GRADE (1611) 1: a forceful action or attack 2: the practice of making attacks or encroachments; esp: a provoked violation by one country of the territorial integrity of another 3: hostile, injurious, or destructive behavior or outlook esp. *usage* ~ive *adj* (1824) 1 a: tending toward or exhibiting aggressive behavior b: marked by combative readiness (an ~ing an ~ salesman) b: marked by obtrusive energy 3: *ag-gre-sive-ly* *adv* — *ag-gre-sive-ness* *n*

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